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Assistance to Handloom Weavers
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) Whether Government provides any financial assistance/subsidy to handloom weavers and artisans through Self-Help Groups/Non-Governmental Organisations for different programmes/schemes;

(b) if so, the details of the plans formulated for this purpose during last three years and current year, State-wise, year-wise and institution-wise along with the quantum of financial assistance provided to these institutions/groups; and

(c) the other steps being taken by the Government to incentivise and develop handloom and handicraft sectors?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES
(SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)
(a) to(c):
i) Comprehensive Handloom Development Scheme (CHDS) as a component of National Handloom Development Programme (NHDP) was introduced in 2013-14. Under the scheme, there was provision for providing financial assistance to the Non-Governmental Organisation (NGO) through State Government concerned for implementation of Cluster Development Programme. The guidelines of National Handloom Development Programme (NHDP) were amended in June 2015 to include Block level cluster as one of its components, which has a provision to provide financial assistance to registered Self-Help Groups/Non-Governmental Organisations for setting up of Block level cluster. Details of financial assistance released to NGOs in the Handloom Sector in the last three years i.e. 2013-14 to 2015-16 and current financial year 2016-17(till-date) are at annexure- I. Funds have not been released to NGOs during the current financial year (2016-17).
The Government of India, Ministry of Textiles through the office of Development Commissioner for Handlooms is implementing following schemes for overall development of handloom sector and welfare handloom weavers:
1. National Handloom Development Programme
2. Handloom Weavers' Comprehensive Welfare Scheme
3. Yarn Supply Scheme
4. Comprehensive Handloom Cluster Development Scheme

ii) In the Handicraft Sector, financial assistance is provided to various Implementing agencies such as State Handicrafts Corporation/Apex Societies/Non-Government organizations etc. under various schemes of the Government for promotion and development of handicrafts in the country implemented during the 12th Plan period. Recently, schemes have been reviewed and rationalized into one umbrella scheme namely "National Handicraft Development Programme [NHDP]" to emphasize integrated approach for development of handicraft clusters in a holistic manner. The NHDP has following components:

I. A. Ambedkar Hastshilp Vikas Yojna (AHVY)

I. Dastkar Shashktikaran Yojna
II. Design & Technology Upgradation
III. Human Resource Development (HRD)
IV. Direct Benefit to Artisans.
V. Infrastructure and Technology Support.

B. Mega Cluster

II. Marketing Support & Services (MSS)
III. Research and Development (R&D)

Details of funds released under various schemes to Non-Government organizations are annexed. Funds have not been released to NGOs during the current financial year (2016-17).